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ATTENTION: APPLICATION PROCESSING DIVISION, SPECIAL PROCESSING AND CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice To File Missing Parts dated June 12, 2001 for two (2) months from August 12, 2001 to October 12, 2001.

In response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed June 12,

2001, enclosed please find an executed Declaration/Power of 10/15/2001 MBELETE1 00000024 501710 09837653 02 FC:216 200.00 CH

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Attorney form, along with a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status and eight (8) sheets of formal drawings. Also enclosed is a copy of the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED paper.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 for the \$487.00 filing fee, the \$65.00 surcharge fee, and the \$200.00 extension of time fee. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees due with respect to this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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